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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1: (Currently Amended) A poufable product comprising:

at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side edge;

at least one cord;

wherein the cord is interlaced with the flat ply of flexible sheet material and wherein the flexible sheet material includes a lathering area and an exfoliation area.

Claim 2 - Claim 4: (Canceled)

Claim 5: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material has a tubular structure.

Claim 6: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material comprises at least two layers.

Claim 7: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 6, wherein one of the layers has a different characteristic or property than the other layer(s).

Claim 8: (Canceled)

Claim 9: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein there are two or more plies of flexible sheet material.

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Claim 10 - Claim 12: (Canceled)

Claim 13: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein a filament size of the flat ply of flexible sheet material is between about 0.1 denier and about 10 denier.

Claim 14: (Canceled)

Claim 15: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material has a length of about 6 feet or less.

Claim 16: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the cord has a width between about 0.01 inch and about 1 inch.

Claim 17: (Canceled)

Claim 18: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the cord is interlaced with the flat ply of flexible sheet material adjacent the side edge of the flat ply of flexible sheet material.

Claim 19: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, further comprising a cord fastener.

Claim 20: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material forms a mitt structure.

Claim 21: (Original) The poufable product of Claim 1, further comprising a handle.

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Claim 22: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material is dispersible, flushable, biodegradable, or a combination thereof.

Claim 23: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material is breathable.

Claim 24: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 20, wherein the flat ply of flexible sheet material is impermeable.

Claim 25: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the flat ply of flexible material comprises a shrinkable material.

Claim 26: (Previously Presented) The poufable product of Claim 1, wherein the cord includes a shrinkable material.

Claim 27: (Canceled)

Claim 28: (Withdrawn) A method of using a poufable product capable of being converted into a pouf product comprising:

providing at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side edge and at least one cord wherein the cord engages at least one ply of the flexible sheet material such that the flexible sheet material is capable of bunching about the cord; and,

activating the cord thereby causing the flexible sheet material to bunch about the cord.

Claim 29: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord is interlaced through within or above at least one ply of the flexible sheet material.

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Claim 30: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing at least a first area and a second area wherein the first area provides at least one different characteristic or property than the second area.

Claim 31: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing packaging wherein the packaging activates the bunching on or about the cord.

Claim 32: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising disengaging the cord thereby causing the flexible sheet material to unbunch or ungather about the cord, wherein the pouf product is returned to the poufable product.

Claim 33: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing a mitt structure.

Claim 34: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising providing a handle capable of being engaged with the mitt structure.

Claim 35: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 33, wherein the mitt structure comprises the same material as the flexible sheet material.

Claim 36: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord engages the flexible sheet material in at least two points.

Claim 37: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord is refastenably secured.

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Claim 38: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein there are at least two plies of flexible sheet material.

Claim 39: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least one of the plies of flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than at least one of the other plies of flexible sheet material.

Claim 40: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least one ply of the flexible sheet material comprises material selected from the group consisting essentially of: synthetic materials; natural materials; and, combinations thereof.

Claim 41: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the cord engages the flexible sheet flexible sheet material adjacent at least a portion of the side edge of the flexible sheet material.

Claim 42: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising a cord fastener.

Claim 43: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the poufable product is dispersible, flushable, biodegradable, or a combination thereof.

Claim 44: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein the poufable product is provided in a multi-unit package.

Claim 45: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 44, wherein each poufable product in a multi-unit package is individually wrapped.

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Claim 46: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising securing the cord such that the flexible sheet material remains in a bunched configuration about the cord.

Claim 47: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, further comprising returning the pouf product to a flat configuration after use.

Claim 48: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the flexible sheet material comprises shrinkable material.

Claim 49: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 28, wherein at least a portion of the cord comprises shrinkable material.

Claim 50 – Claim.68 (Canceled)

Claim 69: (Withdrawn) A method of using a poufable product capable of being converted into a pouf product comprising:

providing at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side edge wherein at least a portion of the flexible sheet material comprises shrinkable material; and,

activating the shrinkable material thereby causing the flexible sheet material to bunch on itself.

Claim 70: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising providing a first area and a second area wherein the first area provides at least one different characteristic or property than the second area.

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Claim 71: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising providing packaging wherein the packaging activates the bunching on or about the cord.

Claim 72: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising providing a mitt structure.

Claim 73: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 72, further comprising providing a handle capable of being engaged with the mitt structure.

Claim 74: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 72, wherein the mitt structure comprises the same material as the flexible sheet material.

Claim 75: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein the cord engages the flexible sheet material in at least two points.

Claim 76: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein the cord is refastenably secured.

Claim 77: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein there are at least two plies of flexible sheet material.

Claim 78: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein at least one of the plies of flexible sheet material provides at least one different characteristic or property than at least one of the other plies of flexible sheet material.

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Claim 79: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein at least one ply of the flexible sheet material comprises material selected from the group consisting essentially of: synthetic materials; natural materials; and, combinations thereof.

Claim 80: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein at least a portion of the poufable product is dispersible, flushable, biodegradable, or a combination thereof.

Claim 81: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, wherein the poufable product is provided in a multi-unit package.

Claim 82: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 80, wherein each poufable product in a multi-unit package is individually wrapped.

Claim 83: (Withdrawn) The method of using a poufable product of Claim 69, further comprising returning the pouf product to a flat configuration after use.

Claim 84 – Claim 85: (Canceled)

Claim 86: (New) A poufable product comprising:

at least one flat ply of flexible sheet material having at least one side edge;

at least one cord;

wherein the cord is interlaced with the flat ply of flexible sheet material and wherein the poufable product further includes packaging; the cord is fastened to the packaging such that the packaging activates bunching on or about the cord.